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March 23, 1984

William J. Casey, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed is the initial draft of our interview with you on the CIA and its work around the world. Unfortunately, the recorder missed some of your comments -- but perhaps that is just as well, inasmuch as we could not run any greater length than what is now before us.

In any event, I have tried to sharpen the overall presentation, and made a number of changes in text in order to do so. Would appreciate having you go over this version and give us the benefit of any further changes or additions and your final editing.

We also have some excellent photos, which will add well to the overall presentation.

All of us here at the LEGION Magazine feel that your views will contribute greatly toward public understanding of what the CIA is attempting to do in these difficult times, and we thank you many times for cooperating so willingly with us in putting it all together.

With best wishes,

Enclosures

cc:  
Mr. George Lauder  
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22 December 1983

Mr. Jim Sites  
The American Legion Magazine  
P.O. Box 1055  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1055

Dear Mr. Sites:

In reference to your December 6 letter to the Director, I am pleased to advise that Mr. Casey has agreed to an interview with the American Legion Magazine.

I will be in touch with you by phone after the new year to work out the details.

Sincerely,



George V. Lauder  
Director, Public Affairs

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**George V. Lauder**  
Director, Public Affairs

19 December 1983

DCI:

Attached is a request from the American Legion Magazine for a Q & A lead story interview with you. It wants to explore worldwide intelligence challenges, will submit in advance a list of major questions and provide the opportunity for us to edit and refine the answers.

While this might appear to be speaking to the already converted, the American Legion is influential politically in some areas and has a significant lobby in Washington. It can help us.

Recommendation: Authorize me to agree to the interview.



George V. Lauder

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Recommendation, please, to DCI.

*JBL*  
Executive Secretary  
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JAMES N. SITES, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

December 6, 1983

The Honorable William J. Casey  
 Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Having worked long hours in the government (with Bill Simon at Treasury \* 1974-76), I can appreciate how crowded your schedule is. Even so, I would hope you could find the time for an interview with The American Legion Magazine -- whose 2.5 million Legion members and 5 million other readers form one of the most supportive segments of the American public in the national security field.

Our objective is to explore worldwide intelligence challenges in a special Q&A lead-story interview with you in an early issue of our magazine. This issue will incorporate a new approach in both editorial content and appearance, underscoring our role as "The Magazine for a Strong America."

I would personally conduct the interview, accompanied by the National Security Director of the American Legion, Mike Schlee. We would also have a photographer on hand to take a couple action pictures. The interview should take no more than an hour of your time, and less if possible (though we do want to give you every chance to express your thoughts as fully as you would like). We will submit in advance a list of the major questions to be asked, and then provide you the opportunity to edit and refine the answers before publication.

As for timetable, we can schedule this feature early in the new year or at an otherwise mutually convenient time.

I would hope, Mr. Casey, that you will see this invitation as an open opportunity to address a key national audience on your concerns regarding America's international intelligence capabilities.

We look forward to working with you on this vital project.

Sincerely,

cc: National Commander Keith Kreul  
 National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle  
 National Security Director G. Michael Schlee

\* You may recall our meeting then. It would be good to have the chance to talk with you again.

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